

Remarks

Claims 24 and 25 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. Neither claim has been canceled and no new claim has been added, leaving claims 24 and 25 for further consideration.

Claims 24 and 25 have been rejected as anticipated by USP 3,675,639 - Cimber.

As amended, claim 24 defines a combination comprising a fastener and an installation tool.

The fastener includes a cylindrically shaped shaft, a bar extending outwardly and distally from a proximal blunt end of the shaft, and a fin extending outwardly and proximally from the shaft proximate a blunt distal end of the shaft.

In Cimber, the fastener (20) lacks a cylindrically shaped shaft, being provided instead with a plate (24), lacks a bar extending outwardly and distally from a proximal end of a shaft, being provided with a resilient stem (26) extending outwardly and proximally from neither end of the stem, and lacks a fin extending outwardly and proximally from the shaft proximal and blunt distal end, being provided with only one stem which is not disposed at a proximal end of the shaft, and the shaft lacks a blunt distal end.

The installation tool is limited to floor and shoulder portions configured for alignment with bottom surface and the blunt proximal end surface portion of the cylindrically shaped fastener shaft.

In *Cimber*, the carrier portion (46) shoulder portions (50, 52) and "end surface" (26) do not appear to be configured for alignment with a blunt proximal end surface of a cylindrically shaped fastener shaft.

Accordingly, it appears that amended claim 24 distinguishes from *Cimber* and should not be deemed anticipated, nor rendered obvious, by *Cimber*.

As amended, claim 25 defines a combination comprising a fastener, a fastener carrier, and an installation tool. The fastener and installation tool are set forth similarly to the manner in which they are set forth in claim 24.

In addition, the fastener carrier is defined in more particularity.

*Cimber* does not appear to disclose a fastener in combination with a fastener carrier, and an installation tool, that is, a three piece assembly. It therefore appears that claim 25 distinguishes over *Cimber* and would appear to be allowable.

Claim 25 was further rejected under 35 USC 112 for lack of antecedent basis for "said tube". This matter is believed to have been corrected.

Allowance of claims 24 and 25 is most respectfully requested.

In the event that any additional fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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